

# TIMES SAYS '30' WITH THIS ISSUE

The Topaz Times, official project newspaper which has been published by evacuees since the opening of the center goes out of existence with this issue because of the relocation of practically the entire remaining staff.

The first edition of the Times was published on September 17, 1942, the

day of the arrival of the first mass contingent from Tanforan assembly center. It was a four-page paper edited by Henry Takahashi, who had been on the staff of a San Francisco Japanese American Newspaper.

The Times went on a regular daily publication schedule on October 27, later was issued as a tri-

weekly, then as a bi-weekly and finally as a weekly beginning last May 15.

All equipment and supplies for the publication have been furnished by WRA. The first Times office was in Block 4. It subsequently was located in Administration B, the administrative dining hall and barracks 7 in Block 2.

## TOPAZ TIMES

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### TOPAZANS MAKE CLEAN-UP STAGE REACHED REQUESTS FOR FPHA HOUSING BY AGRICULTURE SECTION

Applications have been made by Topaz families of Nisei soldiers for all 160 of the housing units in the San Francisco bay area made available a week ago by the Federal Public Housing Authority, Claude Pratt, Assistant Relocation Program Officer, said today.

Because of an over-demand for two and three-bedroom apartments the FPHA has been asked to change the ratio of large and small apartments.

### SSAF ASKS FOR DONATION

Since the present sum of \$1229.41 in the Student Aid Scholarship Fund would not be sufficient to allow qualified students, \$100 each, donations were being solicited, it was disclosed today.

Any student who has graduated from the Topaz High School last semester or in any previous term and who is planning to en-

With the slaughtering of the remaining 3,164 chickens on the project farm during August 20 to 25, the agriculture program reached the clean-up stage, disclosed Wendell Palmer, agriculture chief.

The summary report of the poultry project from January 1945 shows 53,973 dozens of eggs having a value of \$23,208 and 4,424 fowls having a value of \$5,772.

Plans to kill the 33 remaining hogs in early September will conclude the farm project.

The project still has 114 cattle of which 50 head will be sold and the remainder slaughtered for center consumption.

Descriptions of all WRA land except sections 19, 20, and 21 upon which camp is located is being prepared for presentation to Washington to declare such land as surplus.

### BIRTHS, MARRIAGES OUTNUMBER DEATHS, DIVORCES SINCE START

Births and marriages have far outstripped deaths and divorces since this project opened September 11, 1942, according to figures compiled by acting statistician Lawrence Ostlund in a release to the Times.

According to his figures, 379 babies were born

here up to August 1, compared to 135 deaths for the period. Marriages totaled 136 as against only 5 divorces in the Topaz center.

Of the total births, 207 were boys and 163 girls. Total births by years were: 1942, 30; 1943, 141; 1944, 151; 1945, 48.

Thirteen deaths were recorded in 1942, 44 in 1943, 53 in 1944 and 25 this year up to August 1. Of the total deaths, 90 were males and 45 females.

There were 9 marriages in 1942, 83 in 1943, 28 last year and 16 this year. There were no divorces in 1942 or 1943, two last year and three during the first seven month of this year.

### AUGUST RELOCATION REACHES NEW HIGH

Relocation during August, not including today, August 31, totaled a record 860 individuals, leaving 3319 persons in the center compared to the peak population of 8316 on April 1, 1943. A total of 2655 persons have relocated so far this year.

### TWO MEALS SET MONDAY

Only two meals will be served in block dining halls Monday, Labor day, a legal holiday, Chief Project Steward Roy, P. Stahl announced today. Breakfast will be from 9 to 10 AM; dinner from 4 to 5 PM.

April 1, 1943 (Peak).....8316  
January 2, 1943.....5974  
One week ago.....3882  
Today.....3319